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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Ray S. Cline  
Director, Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

SUBJECT : Airborne Reconnaissance Against China

1. The Director has asked me to reply to your memorandum of 30 May in which you express concern about the increasing number of airborne reconnaissance missions proposed against China.

2. By coincidence, Dr. Kissinger sent a memorandum this week to the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and the Director of Central Intelligence stating that the President has directed that a comprehensive study be made of all reconnaissance operations that are presently subject to monthly approval by the 40 Committee. The Secretary of Defense will chair the study which is to be completed by the end of July.

3. Since this new study will cover the specific concerns you have regarding China, there seems to be no need to proceed with the recommendation made in your memorandum to the Director.

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